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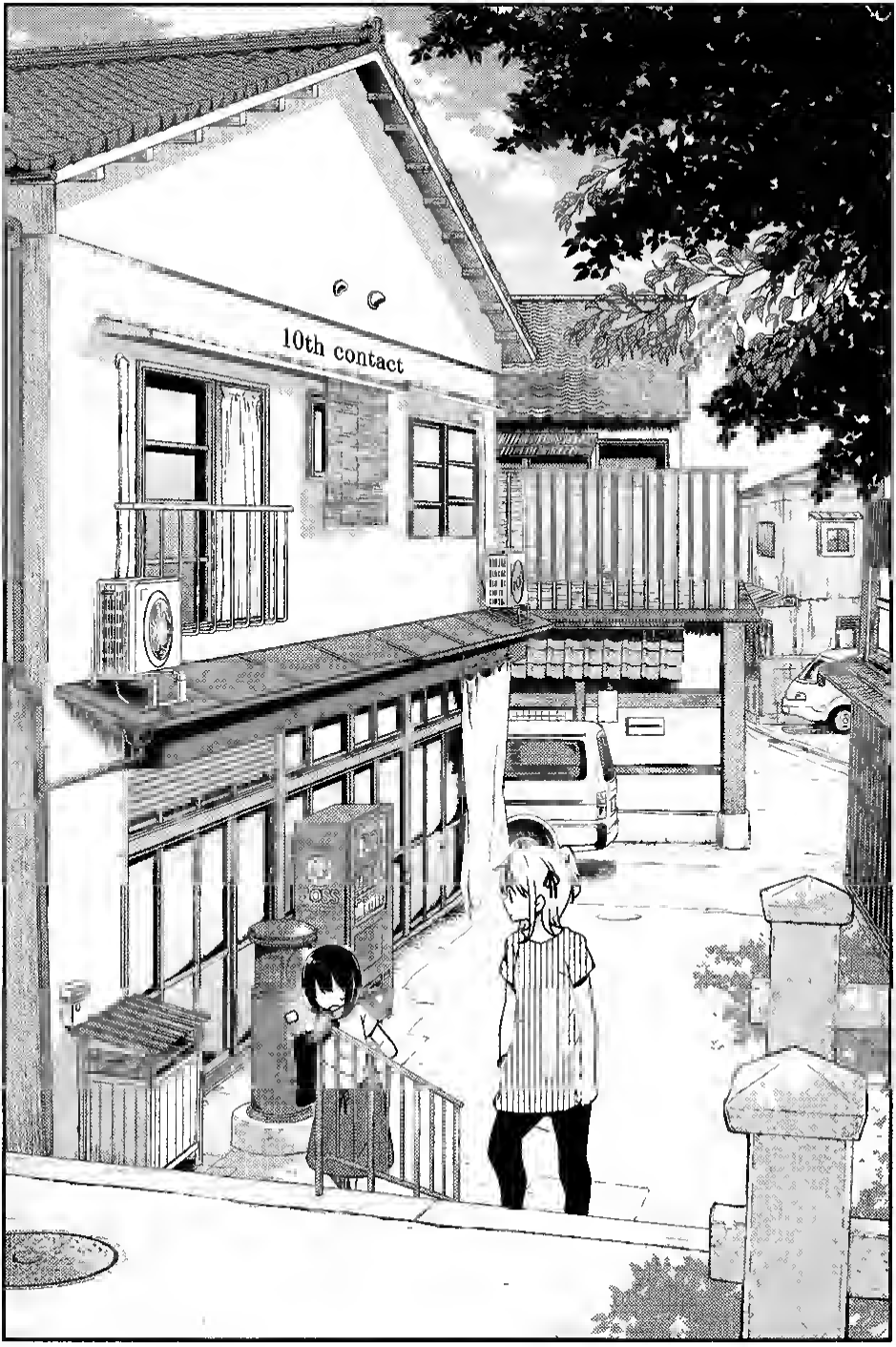

10th contact

...THE NEVERENDING STORY?
YES.
DIDN'T YOU ALREADY READ THAT, AOI-CHAN?
YES,
AND SO I WANT TO GIVE IT AS A GIFT THIS TIME.
...DO YOU HAVE IT IN STOCK?
WE JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE A FIRST EDITION IN STOCK,
A FIRST EDITION!
BUT WELL, IT'S IN GOOD CONDITION, SO IT'S A LITTLE EXPENSIVE...
I CAN IMAGINE... NORMALLY, I'D WANT IT...
BUT SINCE IT'S FOR A GIFT, A COPY THAT'S EASY TO READ WOULD BE BETTER...

I THINK WE ALSO HAVE IT IN PAPERBACK,
BUT IT'S THE NEVERENDING STORY...
.....
YEAH, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE BINDING, A HARDCOVER WOULD BE BETTER...
UM...A PAPERBACK IS FINE IF YOU HAVE IT.
THE INSIDE'S THE SAME, RIGHT?
IT SOUNDS CHEAPER THAT WAY, TOO.
....
THEY'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT!
I-I'M SORRY!

ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO THE NEVERENDING STORY...
THE BINDING IS SO WONDERFUL, AND THERE ARE COLORED LINES AS PART OF THE STORY
THAT ADD UP TO SUCH AN AMAZING DEPICTION OF WHAT UNFOLDS...
...OKAY, I FULLY UNDERSTAND.
A-ANYWAY, I'D PROBABLY END UP READING IT ON THE TRAIN OR AT SCHOOL,
SO I GUESS AN EASY TO READ PAPERBACK WOULD BE BETTER
WELL... IF YOU SAY SO, ITSUKI-SAN.
THEN I'LL GO TAKE A LOOK AT THE STORAGE BINS.
Oomph
BOTAN!

DOES BOTAN KNOW A LOT ABOUT STUFF LIKE INVENTORY?
YEAH, I'VE GONE WITH HER TO BUY BOOKS FOR THE SHOP, AT LEAST.
SHE ALSO GATHERS UP STUFF LIKE AMERICAN COMIC BOOKS,
AND SHE MAKES THE GENRE SECTIONS HERSELF.
RIGHT NOW, IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'S GATHERING UP
A SERIES CALLED HARD FUTURES OR SOMETHING.
AHH, THE ONE WITH THAT EVIL-LOOKING GUY.
SO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT.
YEAH, I LIKE AMERICAN COMIC BOOKS, TOO.
COME TO THINK OF IT, CAN I ASK YOU WHY YOU WANT TO GIVE ME
THE NEVER-ENDING STORY?
YOU WANT TO...KNOW WHY?
YEAH, IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU.

WELL...THE NEVERENDING STORY
WAS WHAT MADE ME START TO LIKE BOOKS.
YOU SEE, THE REASON WHY I PICKED UP BOOKS AS A KID
WAS ACTUALLY FOR SOMETHING PRACTICAL.
IF I INCREASED MY VOCABULARY,
I THOUGHT I COULD PERHAPS BREAK OUT OF BEING SO QUIET AROUND OTHERS.
LOOKING UP NEW WORDS BY READING BOOKS...
MIGHT NOT BE THAT DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I'M DOING EVEN NOW, THOUGH.
BUT THIS PERSONALITY I'VE HAD FROM THE START NEVER CHANGED,
AT ANY RATE, I STARTED TO GET FED UP
WITH THE BOOKS I READ WITH THAT REASON IN MIND...
AND IN THE END, IT DIDN'T DO ANY GOOD.

AND THAT'S WHEN I SAW BOTAN CRYING WHILE READING A BOOK .
AROUND THAT TIME, I WENT OVER TO BOTAN'S SHOP
TO RETURN A BOOK I BORROWED,

I'M SURPRISED YOU CAN READ THESE HARD BOOKS...
BUT IT WAS LIKE GETTING BLOOD OUT OF A STONE ..
?
...I'M RETURNING THIS.
Great School Proverb Dictionary
A-AOI-CHAN,
WHAT'S GOING ON?
Wipe

I'M SURPRISED YOU CAN CRY BY READING A BOOK.
.....

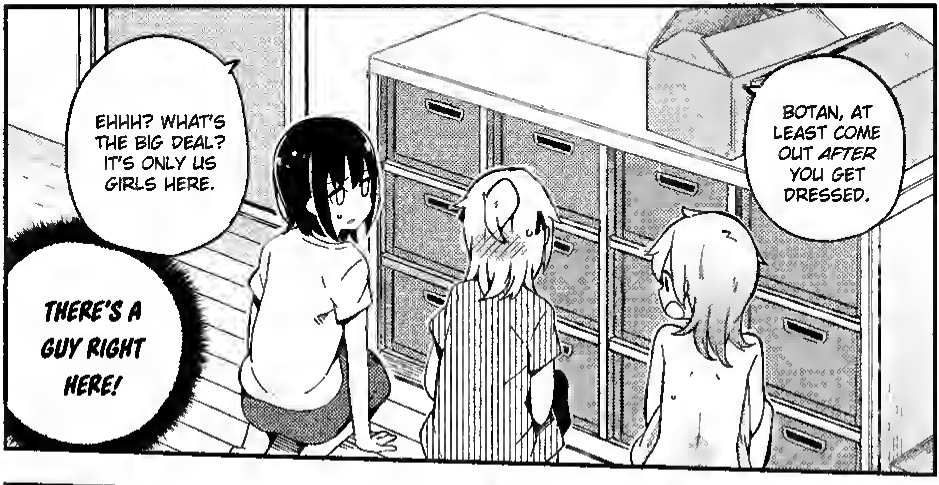
I...
DON'T SEE HOW THAT CAN HAPPEN...
SURE THAT CAN HAPPEN! LOOK! THIS BOOK IS AMAZING!
IT'S LIKE ITS WORLD SPREADS OUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS!
I GOT SO EXCITED READING IT PART OF THE WAY THROUGH.
BUT NOW I'M CLOSE TO THE ENDING,
AND IT'S SO AMAZING NOW IT'S STILL SO FLASNY AND EXCITING!
I-I'M SORRY...
THIS BOOK IS SO INTERESTING THAT I COULDN'T HELP IT...
Ah!

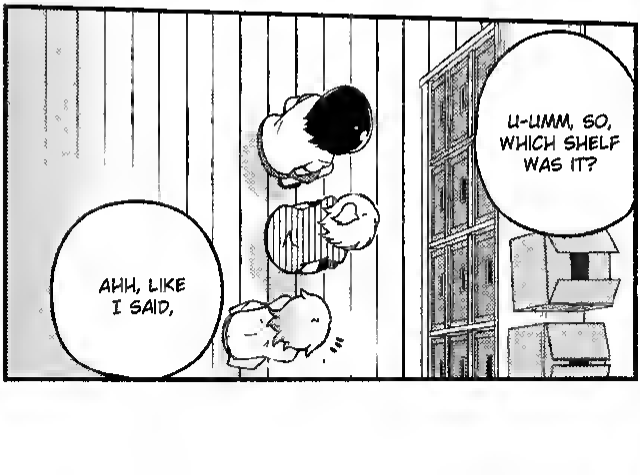
WHEN I SAW BOTAN TALKING SO ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT A BOOK SHE LIKED,
I THINK THAT'S WHAT MADE ME COME TO MY SENSES.
YEAH!
WILL YOU LEND IT TO ME NEXT?
...WHEN YOU'RE DONE READING THAT,
SO THAT BOOK... WAS THE NEVERENDING STORY?
YES, AND WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT BACK THEN,
IT KIND OF MADE ME WANT TO GET YOU TO READ IT, TOO.
THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME TO HAVE READ STUFF LIKE DICTIONARIES UP UNTIL THEN.
AND THAT'S WHEN I STARTED LIKING BOOKS RIGHT AWAY.
AND SO WHEN I BORROWED IT, SURE ENOUGH, IT MADE ME CRY TOO,

IS IT WRONG TO RECOMMEND YOU A BOOK
FOR A REASON LIKE THIS...?
BA-DUM?
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH...
AH, IS THAT A CUSTOMER?
BOTAN IS PROBABLY GONNA BE OUT OF THE SHOWER SOON,
SO COME INSIDE AND ASK HER WHERE IT IS. SORRY ABOUT THIS.
AH, OKAY.
PARDON THE INTRUSION.
THESE ARE THE STORAGE BINS .. RIGHT?
YES. UMM, AND AS FOR BOTAN...

FANTASY IS ON THE RIGHT-HAND SHELF.
AHH, THANK...
ZOB
YOU...
?

ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT, BOTAN-SAN!?
WHY THE HELL
Whoa!


EHHH? WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? IT'S ONLY US GIRLS HERE.
THERE'S A GUY RIGHT HERE!
BOTAN, AT LEAST COME OUT *AFTER* YOU GET DRESSED.

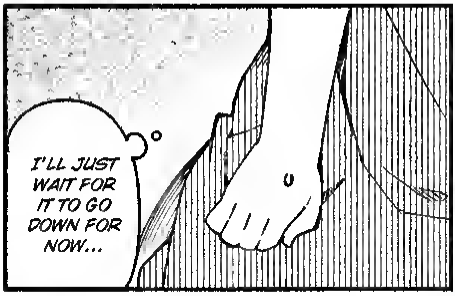

AHH, LIKE I SAID,
U-UMM, SO, WHICH SHELF WAS IT?

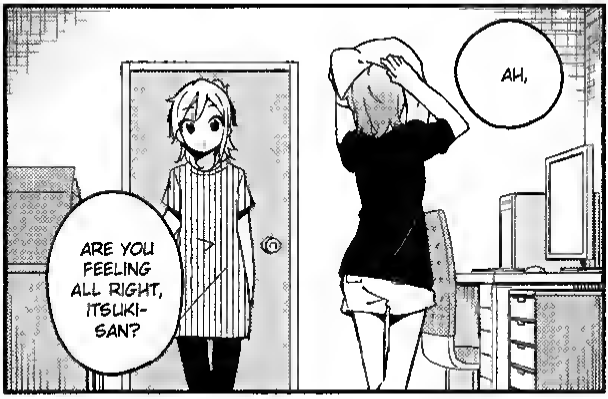
THIS ISN'T GOOD. CALM DOWN. JUST CALM DOWN...

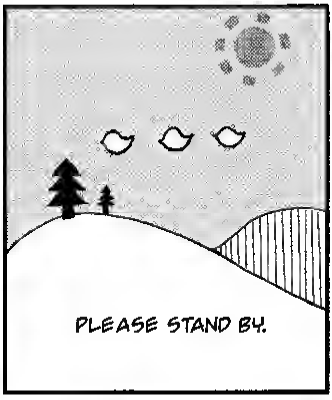
O-OH NO!
THE PRESSURE'S RISING! IT'S GONNA SURFACE!
AT THIS RATE...!
AHHHH! SHE'S TOUCHING ME!
SQUISH
SQUISH
RIGHT THERE.
IT'S THAT ONE
ITSUKI-SAN?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
I HAVE TO BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL FOR BOTAN'S SAKE, TOO...
CHOA !!!
Twitch
Shut
AHH, SURE. IT'S THAT DOOR OVER THERE.
...COULD I BORROW YOUR BATHROOM?

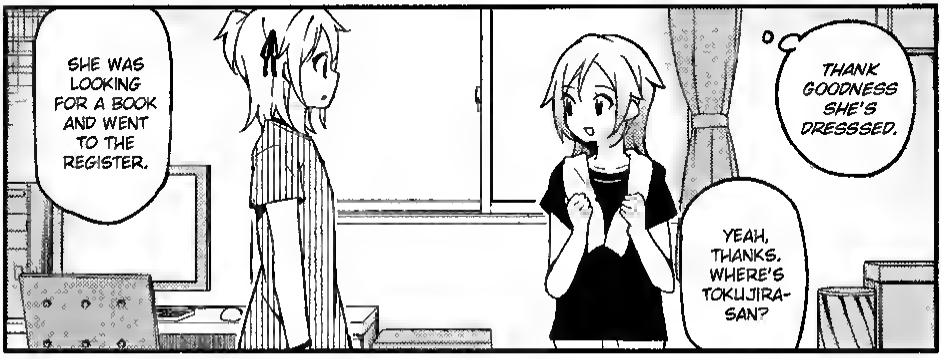
BUT SHE WAS SO SOFT...
NO! NO!

AHHH...
SERIOUSLY, WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?


I'LL JUST WAIT FOR IT TO GO DOWN FOR NOW...


AH,
ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT, ITSUKI-SAN?


PLEASE STAND BY.


SHE WAS LOOKING FOR A BOOK AND WENT TO THE REGISTER.
THANK GOODNESS SHE'S DRESSSED.
YEAH, THANKS. WHERE'S TOKUJIRA-SAN?

BUT ALTHOUGH SHE WAS SHY,
THIS... WAS INTERESTING.
AH-CHAN WAS JUST SO CUTE.
WE WERE BOTH AWKWARD AROUND EACH OTHER AT FIRST.
BUT STILL, THE NEVERENDING STORY
REALLY TAKES ME BACK.
WHEN WE WERE IN KINDER-GARTEN,
WOULD YOU BE FRIENDS WITH THIS GIRL?
HER MOM BROUGHT AH-CHAN OVER TO THE SHOP
.....
THINKING ABOUT IT NOW,
IT FEELS LIKE THAT BOOK WAS WHAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER.
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

EH HEH
HEH HEH!
IF YOU'RE *THAT* HAPPY ABOUT IT, IT'S KINDA EMBARR-ASSING.
WELL NATURALLY I'M GONNA CHERISH IT.
BUT STILL, GIVING A PRESENT TO SOMEONE IS PRETTY TOUGH...
HUH? WHY?
MY STOMACH IS IN KNOTS OVER WHETHER YOU'RE GONNA LIKE IT OR NOT..
ズーン
AHH, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
AH, NOW THAT WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT,
HERE, THIS IS FOR YOU.
THE NEVERENDING STORY

GETTING THOSE GOOD TEST SCORES WAS A BONUS,
SO THIS IS TO PAY YOU BACK FOR THAT.
B-BUT WASN'T IT EXPENSIVE...?
...THIS
IS THAT FIRST EDITION!
SO WE'RE SELLING IT WAY BELOW WHAT IT'S WORTH!
I BOUGHT THIS BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT MIGHT MAKE AH-CHAN HAPPY IF SHE SAW IT,
BUT THEN SHE HALF-FORCED IT ONTO ME BY SAYING THAT...
WELL, ABOUT THAT,
WHEN I ASKED BOTAN ABOUT THE PRICE,
I THOUGHT ABOUT GOING WITH A DIFFERENT BOOK,
COULD YOU ACCEPT IT FROM US?
SO THIS IS A PRESENT FROM BOTH BOTAN AND ME.

I'LL HAVE TO PAY YOU BACK AGAIN...
AHH, ABOUT THAT,

CAN WE STOP TALKING ABOUT PAYING EACH OTHER BACK FROM NOW ON?
IT'S FUN HANGING OUT WITH YOU LIKE THIS,

SO THAT'S PLENTY FOR ME...
IT'D BE NICE IF WE COULD CALL IT EVEN,

THIS REALLY...
PUTS ME ON THE SPOT...

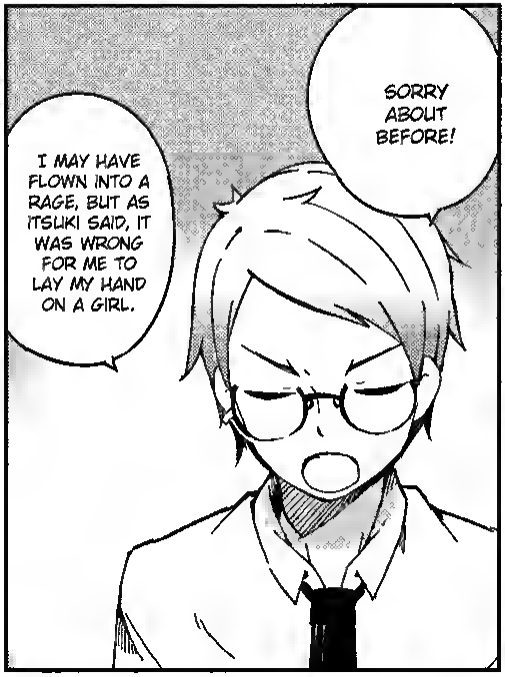
BUT WOULD THAT...
BE BAD?
...THERE'S NOTHING
WRONG WITH THAT.
I'LL CHERISH IT.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

UMM,
THEN HOW ABOUT WE HEAD HOME?
HUH? IS THAT YOU, ITSUKI?

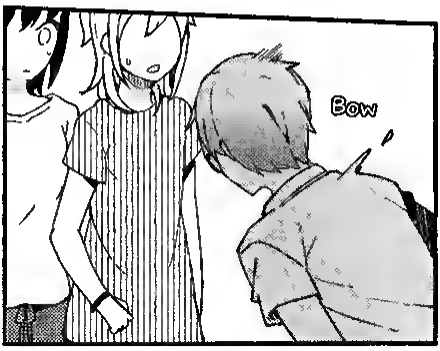
OH! YOU CHANGED YOUR HAIRSTYLE!
HUH!?
YOU LOOKED GOOD BEFORE, BUT THAT'S A GREAT LOOK FOR YOU, TOO
GE...

GET BEHIND ME.
O-OKAY.

WHAT A COINCIDENCE! HOW'S IT GOING?
Dolphin Hobby


SORRY ABOUT BEFORE!
I MAY HAVE FLOWN INTO A RAGE, BUT AS ITSUKI SAID, IT WAS WRONG FOR ME TO LAY MY HAND ON A GIRL.

AND
Twitch
YOU'RE...


Bow

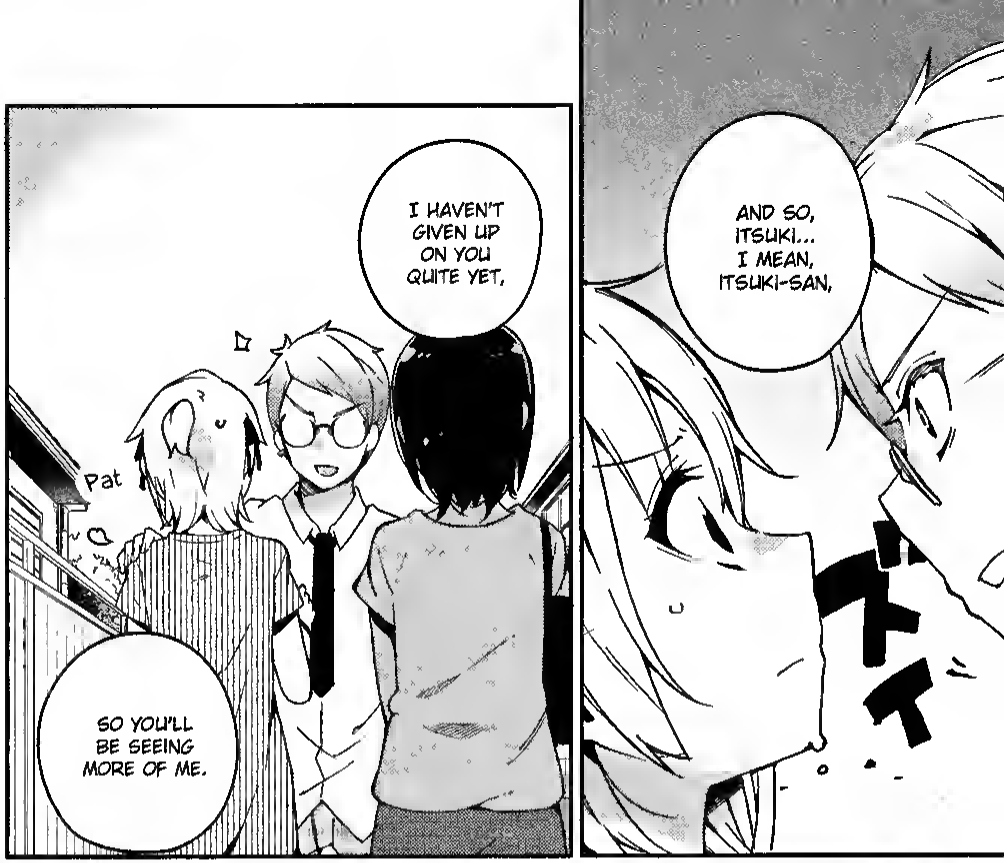
IT'S ONE THING FOR THE GIRL BEHIND YOU...
BUT THIS IS THE THIRD TIME WE'VE MET, AT LEAST...

YOU CAN'T LOOK AT HIS FACE, SO YOU WOULDN'T KNOW HIM, RIGHT?
DO YOU KNOW HIM...? THOUGH HAVING SAID THAT,
NO...

UMM... WHO ARE YOU?
HUH!? NEITHER OF YOU KNOW WHO I AM!?

AFTER
COME ON, IT'S ME, MIYAMA.
Before
Dolphin Biology
I CONFESSED TO YOU BEFORE ON THE ROOF.
CONFESSED ...?
YOU CONFESSED TO ME?
AH!
From last month!!
HE'S THAT THUG FROM BACK THEN!
WHY? WELL...
IT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID WHEN YOU TURNED ME DOWN.
SO YOUR NAME WAS MIYAMA...?
HUH? I NEVER TOLD YOU?
IT'S MY FIRST TIME HEARING IT... AND WHAT'S WITH THOSE GLASSES AND THAT HAIR-STYLE...?

FIRST OF ALL, YOU SAID THAT YOU'RE "NOT INTO THE THUGGISH TYPE",
My hair is neatly parted to one side!!
By the way, these are just for show!!
SO I STARTED OUT BY GETTING RID OF MY THUGGISH APPEARANCE!
Dolphin Biology
AND WHEN YOU SAID YOU "DON'T PLAN ON GOING OUT WITH ANYONE RIGHT NOW,"
IF YOU TURN THAT AROUND, THEN IT ALL WORKS OUT IF I WIN YOU OVER!
AFTER DECIDING TO GO STRAIGHT,
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D RUN INTO YOU WHILE I WAS GOING AROUND TO USED BOOKSTORES IN TOWN BUYING UP REFERENCE BOOKS.
IS THIS THE FLOW OF THINGS COMING TOGETHER?
BUT STILL,
TH-THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON!?
CHOOSING MY WORDS SO I WOULDN'T HURT HIM THAT MUCH BACKFIRED...!

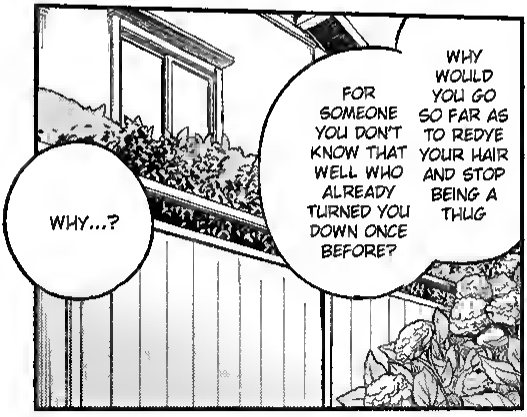

AND SO, ITSUKI... I MEAN, ITSUKI-SAN,
I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON YOU QUITE YET,
Pat
SO YOU'LL BE SEEING MORE OF ME.

Twinge

...TWINGE?
JU...
JUST HOW POSITIVE IS THIS GUY...!!?

WHAT'S WRONG?
Guilt
?
IT'S NOTHING...

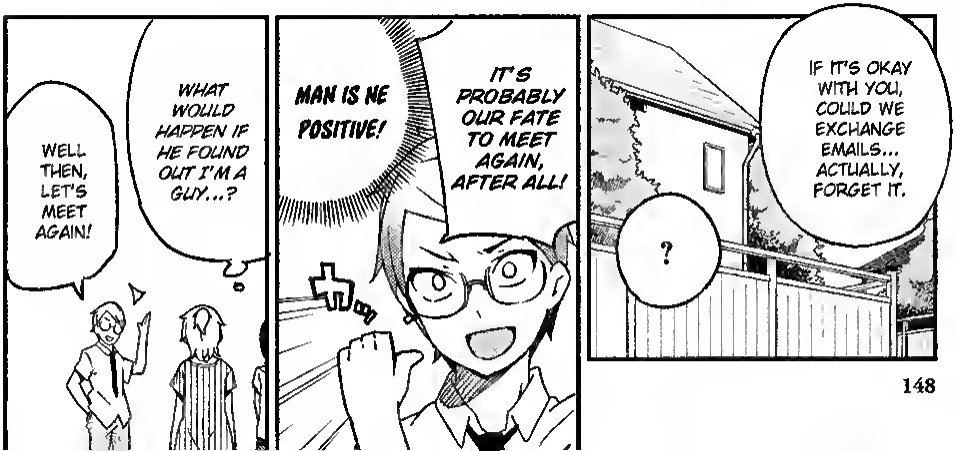
W-WAIT A SECOND!
PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE YOU'RE NOT
TO GET CLOSE TO SOMEONE ISN'T GOOD FOR...
STAB


WHY WOULD YOU GO SO FAR AS TO REDYE YOUR HAIR AND STOP BEING A THUG
FOR SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW THAT WELL WHO ALREADY TURNED YOU DOWN ONCE BEFORE?
WHY...?

BESIDES,

BECAUSE I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU!
ISN'T THAT REASON ENOUGH?
WH- WHAT A MANLY WAY OF PUTTING IT!
Bu-dump

OH CRAP,
AHHH!
NO! NO!
THE KURASHIKI USED BOOKSTORE IS GONNA CLOSE.
WHY DID MY HEART JUST SKIP A BEAT...?


WELL THEN, LET'S MEET AGAIN!
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF HE FOUND OUT I'M A GUY...?
MAN IS NE POSITIVE!
IT'S PROBABLY OUR FATE TO MEET AGAIN, AFTER ALL!
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, COULD WE EXCHANGE EMAILS... ACTUALLY, FORGET IT.
?

SO THAT GUY... CONFESSED TO YOU.
YEAH, BUT YOU DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT IT FROM BOTAN?
THAT WAS LIKE A STORM...
.....
WELL THEN, I BETTER BE GOING, ITSUKI-SAN.
HUH!? UM, TOKUJIRA-SAN?
TOKUJIRA-SAN?
SO YOU TOLD BOTAN ABOUT IT...
Ohhh..
Jolt
REFERENCE BOOKS?
WE DON'T CARRY STUFF LIKE THAT.
WHA!? THIS IS A DIFFICULT PATH...!